# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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CENTRES FOR EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up `Centres of Excellence in Agriculture` on the model of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to bring reforms and to boost agricultural production in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the locations identified for the same, State-wise;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be set up;

(d) the benefits likely to accrue to the farmers therefrom; and

(e) the funds allocated for the purpose State-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) No, Sir. To undertake research and education towards boosting the agricultural production in the country, there are already four national institutes in agricultural sciences viz. Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, National Dairy Research Institute and Central Institute of Fisheries Education which are under the administrative control of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(b) to (e): In the view of (a), the question does not arise.